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CINCSAC FOR DPLC. INFO TO HQ USAF FOR AFCCM; FIRST MISSILE DIVISION; AFBMD FIELD OFFICE FOR COL CODY. REFERENCE YOUR TWX DPLC-1341 AND GENERAL POWER VISIT 20 FEBRUARY 1959, AND OUR TWX CITE WDTC-3-26. IN SPECIFIC RESPONSE TO YOUR ABOVE TWX, AFBMD HAS CONSIDERED THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN EARLIEST LAUNCH CAPABILITY FROM THE 65-1 COMPLEX AND PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING. THIS MESSAGE IN SIX PARTS. PART ONE. PRESENT STATUS OF CONTRACTOR INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT AND THE DATES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACTIVATION OF 65-1 COMPLEX ARE REFLECTED IN OUR ABOVE CITED MESSAGE. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SCHEDULE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A LAUNCH CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 15 JULY. THIS DATE CAN BE ACCELERATED TO APPROXIMATELY 15 MAY FOR

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A LAUNCH FROM LAUNCHER "A" USING CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL FOR SUPERVISION AND CONTROL. HOWEVER, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LAUNCH, SAC PERSONNEL CAN BE INTEGRATED INTO THE OPERATION AND THE SAC PERSONNEL CAN MAN THE OPERATION. THIS SCHEDULE NECESSITATES THE COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT FOR THIS LAUNCHER WITH R&D CHECKOUT EQUIPMENT, AND ACCORDINGLY WILL RESULT IN THE DELAY OF THIS LAUNCHER FOR FORMAL IWST TRAINING TO 26 JULY. UNDER THESE CONDITIONS THE AVAILABILITY OF LAUNCHERS "A", "B", AND "C" FOR FORMAL SAC IWST WILL BE 26 JULY, 17 JULY, AND 30 JULY RESPECTIVELY. PART TWO. PRESENT AFBMD PLAN IS TO CONTINUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT SIGNED BY AFBMD, BMC, SAC MIKE, FIRST MISSILE DIVISION, AND CONVAIR DATED 20 - 21 AUGUST 1958. THIS AGREEMENT STATED: "CONVAIR WILL PROVIDE IWST FOR THE 576TH STRATEGIC MISSILE SQUADRON AS OUTLINED IN THE SM-65 INTEGRATED WEAPON SYSTEM TRAINING PLAN DOT-58-73 DATED 1 AUG 58, UTILIZING CLASSROOMS AND ACTUAL 65-1 FACILITIES. SHOULD FACILITIES NOT BE AVAILABLE BY 27 APR 1959, LAUNCH CREW PERSONNEL SHALL BE INTEGRATED WITH THE INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES BEGINNING 27 APRIL 1959 IN LIEU OF OR IN ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED IN ATTACHMENT I. UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITIES WILL BE ON A MINIMAL INTERFERENCE BASIS WITH THE INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT. THIS TRAINING WILL, OF NECESSITY, BE ON A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE AND WILL BE FULLY AND MUTUALLY COORDINATED WITH THE INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT PERSONNEL". FOLLOWING THIS PLAN WILL PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM IWST TRAINING POSSIBLE UNDER THE CUERENT SITUATION. PART THREE. LAUNCH WILL BE CONDUCTED USING

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R&D GUIDANCE EQUATIONS IN LIEU OF OPERATIONAL EQUATIONS.
OPERATIONAL EQUATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONAL LAUNCH
31 JULY (FIRE IN ANGER). PART FOUR. THE DELAY NOTED ABOVE MAY
HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ACTIVATION OF 576-B. FORCEFUL MANAGEMENT
ACTIONS ARE IN PROCESS TO NEGATE ANY DELAY. TO MINIMIZE ANY
FURTHER DELAY TO 576-A, IT SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED THAT COMPLETING
THE INSTALLATION AND CHECKOUT TASK ON 576-A MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED
ON A NON-INTERFERENCE BASIS. PART FIVE. AFBMD RECOMMENDS THAT
THIS ACCELERATED LAUNCH SCHEDULE BE PLANNED FROM VANDENBERG IN
MAY. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS MADE WITH THE FOLLOWING QUALIFICATIONS:
(1) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ASSURANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AT
VANDENBERG, IT IS NECESSARY THAT AT LEAST ONE SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT OF
THE "D" SERIES CONFIGURATION BE ACCOMPLISHED AT PATRICK AFB. (2)
THE PRE-LAUNCH CHECKS WILL BE CONDUCTED USING R&D CHECKOUT
EQUIPMENT. THE CONTRACTOR WILL PERFORM SYSTEMS CHECKOUT UNTIL
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO LAUNCH AND PROVIDE CONTINUAL BACKUP TO THE
SAC CREW UNTIL LAUNCH IS COMPLETED. (3) IT FURTHER ASSUMES THAT
THE REQUIREMENT FOR A PRECISE IMPACT PREDICTION SYSTEM AS DEFINED
BY PMR IS OVERCOME AND RESOLVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFBMD MESSAGE
WDTT-3-23-E DATED 17 MARCH 59 TO FIRST MISSILE DIVISION, INFO TO
SAC. PART SIX. AFBMD PROCEEDING WITH PLAN FOR LAUNCH EARLY IN
MAY UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY.

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